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## **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record fails to show or suggest a riser tensioning system comprising a sensor target; a sensor tube; and a sensoring means cooperative with the sensor tube; wherein the sensor means senses a distance the sensoring target moves within the sensor tube. The closest prior art, Roodenburg '232, discloses a riser tensioning system; however, Roodenburg is silent to a sensoring system. Furthermore, Dean '174 and Hanna et al '809 disclose sensoring means; however, the sensoring means differs from that of the instant invention.

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frederick L. Lagman whose telephone number is 703-305-7456. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00am to 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Schackelford can be reached on 703-308-2978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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